**Supplementary Material. Living with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic: insights into identity from the IDEAL cohort**

**INCLUDE semi structured interview schedule**

(The first two tables reflect the timeline of the COVID-19 pandemic and the interview topics, although focus was on Q3, the current situation).

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| **Timeline** | **Topic** |
| Q1 Start of lockdown | A,B,C,D,E |
| Q2. Some loosening of restrictions | A,B,C,D,E |
| Q3. The situation now | A,B,C,D,E |

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|  | **Topic** | **Prompts** |
| A | Difficulties or changes to daily routines; [emotional and social]. | Mood and worries. Contact with others |
| B | Own coping strategies and or support found to be helpful. | What was/is helpful? What did you/are doing do differently? Who helped/is helping? What did others do/are doing? |
| C | Additional or missing support or information that might have been helpful. | What did/do you need? What could have been done? |
| D | Any unexpected benefits or outcomes; and how they might be maintained. | Anything you liked/like about it? Changes for the better? |
| E | Training or information health or social care professionals or volunteers need to help people with memory difficulties in the COVID-19 situation | Practical things? Information? Resources? |

**Researcher will refer to the structure above, following the timeline of the pandemic (Q1-3) and the topics to cover at each time point A-E. For example:**

**Q1. *At the start of the pandemic we were in a period of lockdown.***

*A: What were difficulties or challenges to your daily routine? [prompts]*

*B: What did you do to cope? Did anyone help you? [prompts]*

*C: What support did you need/want that you did not have? What information would have been useful? [prompts]*

*D: What were the unexpected benefits at that time? Did that carry on? If so, how? [prompts]*

*E: What would the doctors and social care services and volunteers have needed in order to support you and others like you at that time during the crisis. [prompts]*

**Q2. *There was some gradual lifting of the restrictions.***

*How did that change things?*

*A: Were any difficulties or challenges to your daily routine better or worse?*

*B: What did you do to differently? Did anyone help you?*

*C: What support did you need to cope during that period that you did not have or wanted? What information did you need?*

*D: What were the unexpected benefits at that time? Did that carry on? If so, how?*

*E: What would the doctors and social care services and volunteers have needed in order to support you and others like you at that time during the crisis. [prompts]*

**Q3. *How are you affected in the current situation now?***

*A: Are any difficulties or challenges to your daily routine you experienced better or worse?*

*B: What are you doing differently now? Is anyone helping you?*

*C: What support do you need or want now and going forward? What information do you need going forward?*

*D: What were the unexpected benefits at this time? Have they continued? How could this be maintained?*

*E: What would the doctors and social care services and volunteers have needed in order to support you and others like you at that time during crisis. [prompts]*